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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Applicant wishes to inform the Examiner that the following references were previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 26, 2004 and February 1, 2006:

1. EP A1-1 057 896
2. ZHU Y et al: "Isolation and characterization of peroxisome proliferators-activated receptor (PPAR) interacting protein (PRIP) as a coactivator for PPAR" Journal of Biological Chemistry, American Society of Biochemical Biologists, Birmingham, US, vol. 275, no. 18, May 5, 2000, pages 13510-13516.

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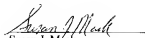
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